

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

Brushy Creek Trails Advisory Board Appointments

Chapter 455A.8, Code of Iowa authorizes the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to appoint two members of the Brushy Creek Trails Advisory Board. The DNR Director is to provide the NRC a recommendation for appointments. The below recommendations are based on the average scores (in parentheses). The NRC is requested to appoint the following two applicants for three years terms.

Ron Jacobson (34.6) – 3 years

Lori Lange (34) - 3 years

The following are the average scores for the other applicants:

Mike Tinkham (31.5)

Frank Santana (28.6)

The scoring was conducted by DNR staff: John Pearson, Daryl Howell, Jim Lawson, Amber O'Neill, Steve Bell, and Greg Van Fosson. Criteria used for scoring includes: Criteria 1 – Time Commitment, Criteria 2 – Desire to Serve/Contributions/Role, Criteria 3 – Usage of Brushy Creek Recreation Area, Criteria 4 – Discretionary Points. Note: all criteria had equal weights of up to 10 points.

Ron Jacobson lives and works in Fort Dodge. He is the manager of Sioux City Grain Inspection. He is the chairman of the board for Dodger Cyclists and is an avid mountain biker. He also enjoys hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing and kayaking/canoeing at the park.

Lori Lange lives in Gilmore City and works in a local farm store. Lori is an avid equine trail user and has used the trails for 25 years. She attends most board meetings and is generally present at most volunteer functions sponsored by the board, as well as, other groups. Lori is an avid outdoors person who loves to camp, bike, swim, fish, hike, and horseback ride.

Mike Tinkam lives in Maxwell and works for Harold Pikes Construction in Ames. Mike has been a BCTAB member for 13 years and has been a great advocate for the DNR, Trails, and Brushy Creek. Mike is an avid equestrian trail rider and also loves to camp. Mike has been a great spokes person for all park users of Brushy Creek.

Frank Santana lives in Winterset and is President and CEO of 7 Flags. Frank enjoys horse back riding, horse competition, driving horse and buggy, camping, fishing, boating, and biking. Frank belongs to ITRA, TRHA, and MIDA.

The two new appointees will join the following members of the board: Donna Christensen, Linda Jenny, Pat Reed, Beth Aswegan, Kelly Keller, Deb Lewis (Preserves Board designee), Chad Kelchen (Park Manager), and Kevin Szcodronski (DNR Director Designee) to make up the 10 member board.

Kevin Szcodronski, State Parks Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

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